

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A filter screen comprising:

a first plurality of filaments extending in a first direction;

a second plurality of filaments extending in a second direction transverse to the first direction, the second plurality of filaments being woven with the first plurality of filaments;

a one or more first reinforcing ~~structure in cooperation~~ filaments woven with the second plurality of filaments to reinforce the second plurality of filaments in the first direction; and

a one or more second reinforcing ~~structure in cooperation~~ filaments woven with the first plurality of filaments to reinforce the first plurality of filaments in the second direction.

26.-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) The filter screen according to claim 25, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are metal wires.

30. (New) The filter screen according to claim 25, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are synthetic.

31. (New) The filter screen according to claim 25, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments and the first and second reinforcing filaments are constructed of the same material.

32. (New) The filter screen according to claim 31, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are metal wires, and the first and second reinforcing filaments are metal wires of a heavier gauge than the metal wires of the first and second plurality of filaments.

33. (New) A filter screen comprising:
a first plurality of filaments extending in a first direction;
a second plurality of filaments extending in a second direction transverse to the first direction, the second plurality of filaments being woven with the first plurality of filaments;
one or more first reinforcing filaments produced by brazing and engaged with the second plurality of filaments to reinforce the second plurality of filaments in the first direction; and
one or more second reinforcing filaments produced by brazing and engaged with the first plurality of filaments to reinforce the first plurality of filaments in the second direction.

34. (New) The filter screen according to claim 33, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are metal wires.

35. (New) The filter screen according to claim 33, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are synthetic.

36. (New) A filter screen comprising:
a first plurality of filaments extending in a first direction;
a second plurality of filaments extending in a second direction transverse to the first direction, the second plurality of filaments being woven with the first plurality of filaments;
one or more first reinforcing filaments produced by welding and engaged with the second plurality of filaments to reinforce the second plurality of filaments in the first direction; and
one or more second reinforcing filaments produced by welding and engaged with the first plurality of filaments to reinforce the first plurality of filaments in the second direction.

37. (New) The filter screen according to claim 36, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are metal wires.

38. (New) The filter screen according to claim 36, wherein the first and second plurality of filaments are synthetic.